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SUBJECT: STUDENT POT CONTINUES TO PERCOLATE

REF: JAKARTA 2658

1. EDUCATION AND CULTURE MINISTER SJARIF THAJEB  
FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO MARCH 1 REPEATED  
REJECTION (REFTEL) OF STUDENT DEMAND FOR REVOCATION OF  
DECREE NO. 28 (1974) RESTRICTING STUDENT ACTIVITIES.  
SJARIF THAJEB STRONGLY -- AND WITH APPEARANCE OF  
DEFENSIVENESS -- STATED HE REFUSED TO BE PRESSURED BY  
ANYONE.

2. STUDENT DELEGATION FROM BANDUNG VISITED PARLIAMENT  
FEB. 27 TO PRESENT MEMORANDUM CONTAINING "DEMANDS" FOR  
ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO CREATIVITY IN STUDENTS LIFE  
AND FOR GREATER FREEDOM AND OPENNESS TO ENSURE "DEMOCRATIC"  
COMMUNITY LIFE.

3. CURRENT ISSUE OF YOUNG MOSLEM-RUN MAGAZINE TRIBUN  
CONTAINS EDITORIAL ON RECENT STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS REFER-  
RING TO DECREE NO. 28 CONTROVERSY AND BANDUNG DELEGATION AND  
CONNECTING STUDENT COMPLAINTS OVER RESTRAINTS ON  
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FREEDOM AND CREATIVITY WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT-

SPONSORED INDONESIAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE (KNPI).  
EDITORIAL CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO "REVIEW" KNPI LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE GREATER SENSE OF PROPORTION AND MATURITY IN KNPI APPROACH TO OTHER STUDENT GROUPS.

4. ADDITIONAL RECENT DEVELOPMENT IS REPORT IN LEADING DAILY KOMPAS MARCH 3 OF CLOSING FOR ONE MONTH OF STATE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE (IAIN) IN YOGYAKARTA FOLLOWING VIOLENCE CONNECTED WITH "ORIENTATION WEEK" FOR NEW STUDENTS. ARTICLE STATES DISAGREEMENT AMONG STUDENTS OVER ORIENTATION PROGRAM LED TO ATTEMPT BY RECTOR TO CANCEL PROGRAM WHICH IN TURN PRODUCED VIOLENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND RECTOR. POLICE AND MILITARY TROOPS USING TEAR GAS ULTIMATELY QUELLED DISTURBANCE.

5. COMMENT: RENEWED FERMENT IN STUDENT WORLD IS CLEARLY CONTINUING. NO INDICATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL LINKS BETWEEN JAKARTA, BANDUNG AND YOGYA ACTIVITIES, AND CURRENT INCIDENTS ARE TEAPOT TEMPESTS COMPARED TO EVENTS OF 1973-74 WHICH AT THIS POINT APPEAR HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO BOIL OVER INTO ANY KIND OF WIDESPREAD DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, COMMON ISSUE IN ALL RECENT EPISODES IS STUDENT RESENTMENT OF GOVERNMENT-INITIATED RESTRICTIONS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. AS LONG AS GOI MAINTAINS RESTRICTIVE APPROACH TOWARDS STUDENTS THEIR DISSATISFACTION -- AND PERIODIC DEMONSTRATIONS THEREOF -- UNIVERSITY SCENE.  
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